

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 16 with the following amended paragraph:

When R⁴ is heteroaryl this includes 5-[[7]]6 membered aromatic rings or can be a 6,6- or 6,5-fused bicyclic ring system, each ring containing one or more heteroatoms selected from N, S and O. Examples include pyridine, pyrimidine, thiazole, oxazole, pyrazole, imidazole, furan, isoxazole, pyrrole, isothiazole and azulene, naphthyl, indene, quinoline, isoquinoline, indole, indolizine, benzo[b]furan, benzo[b]thiophene, 1H-indazole, benzimidazole, benzthiazole, benzoxazole, purine, 4H-quinolizine, cinnoline, phthalazine, quinazoline, quinoxaline, 1,8-naphthyridine, pteridine, quinolone.

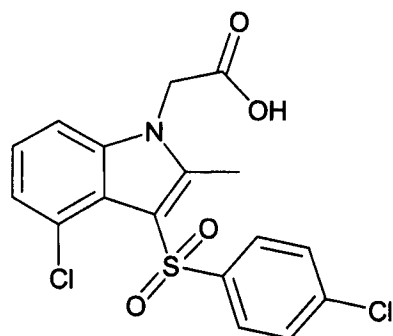
Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 4 with the following amended paragraph:

Preferably R³ is phenyl optionally substituted by halogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy or nitrile. More preferably R³ is phenyl optionally substituted by chloro, methyl, ethyl, cyano or methoxy.

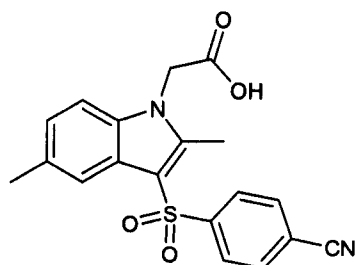
Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 23 with the following amended paragraph:

R³ is aryl or a 5-[[7]]6 membered or 6,6- or 6,5-fused bicyclic aromatic ring each containing one or more heteroatoms selected from N, S and O, and each of which is optionally substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from halogen, CN, nitro, SO₂R⁴, OH, OR⁴, SR⁴, SOR⁴, SO₂NR⁵R⁶, CONR⁵R⁶, NR⁵R⁶, NR⁹SO₂R⁴, NR⁹CO₂R⁴, NR⁹COR⁴, C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₂-C₆ alkynyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, the latter three groups being optionally substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from halogen atoms, OR⁷ and NR⁸R⁹, S(O)_xR⁷ where x is 0,1 or 2;

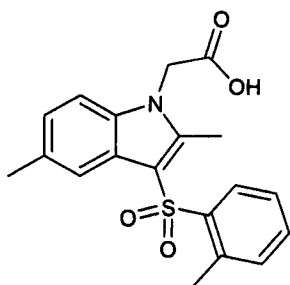
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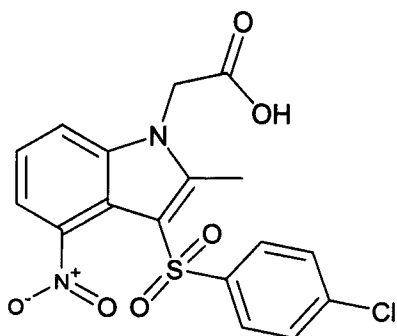
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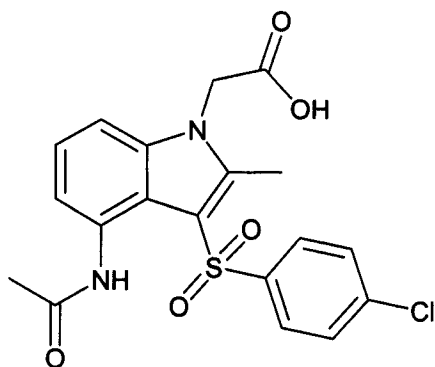
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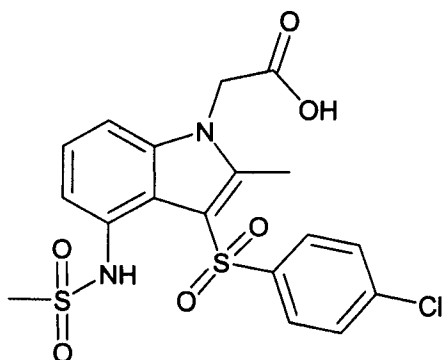
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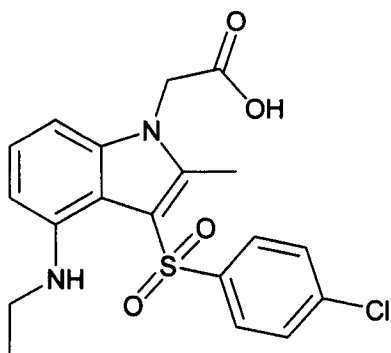
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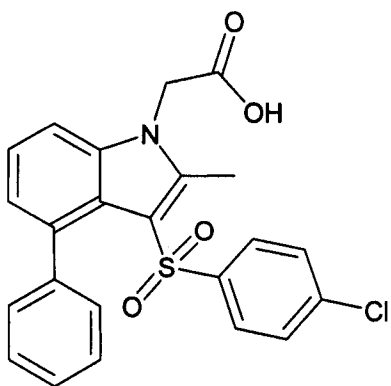
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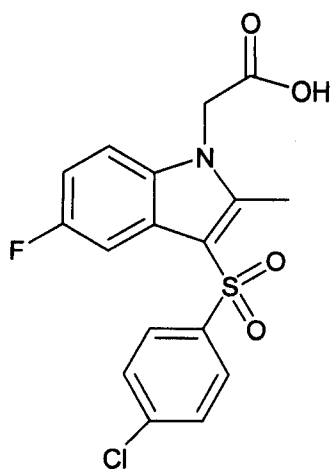
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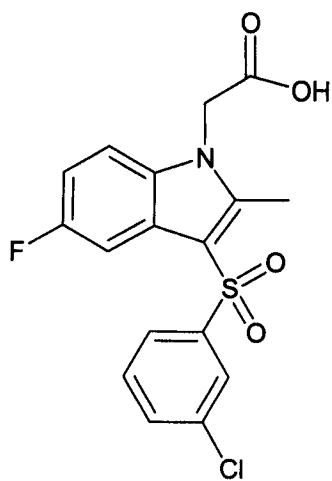
Please replace the structure at page 42, line 14 with the following new structure:



Please replace the structure at page 44, line 1 with the following new structure:



Please replace the structure at page 45, line 17 with the following new structure:



Please replace the structure at page 46, line 14 with the following new structure:

